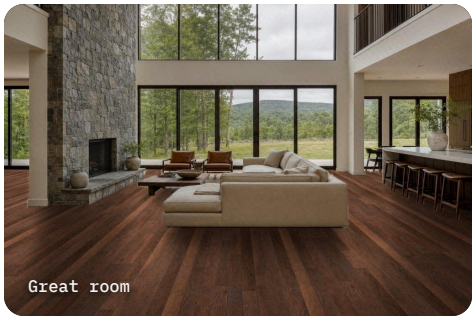
Colonial in a dark and moody room

Colonial, from the Mullican Oakmont 5" Walnut line, is a very dark walnut hardwood with a red undertone (measured from its own picture: LRV 3). Here it is with Stonington Gray walls, Swiss Coffee trim, and Upward on the cabinets, chosen by the numbers.









THE PALETTE

THE FLOOR	WALLS	TRIM	CABINETS	WOOD
Colonial	**Stonington Gray**	**Swiss Coffee**	**Upward**	**A mid brown wood**
LRV 3	Benjamin Moore HC-170 LRV 59.4	Benjamin Moore OC-45 LRV 81.9	Sherwin-Williams SW 6239 LRV 57.4	Like our Special Walnut stain sample

MULLICAN HARDWOOD FLOORING

Colonial

Mullican Oakmont 5" Walnut · **26515**

Engineered walnut hardwood · Walnut · 5 in

Price, specs and samples:
powellflooring.com/floors/mullican/oakmont-5-walnut/colonial

WALLS, TRIM AND CABINETS

WALLS
Stonington Gray
Benjamin Moore HC-170 · LRV 59.4 · +56 from the floor
Its undertone leans green (hue 117°), which quiets the red in Colonial (hue 52°) instead of echoing it.

OR WALLS
Repose Gray
Sherwin-Williams SW 7015 · LRV 58.2 · +55 from the floor
Its undertone leans green (hue 97°), which quiets the red in Colonial (hue 52°) instead of echoing it.

TRIM AND CEILINGS
Swiss Coffee
Benjamin Moore OC-45 · LRV 81.9 · +79 from the floor
79 points over Colonial in LRV and warm enough (chroma 5.7) to read white, not blue, beside its red undertone.

CABINETS
Upward
Sherwin-Williams SW 6239 · LRV 57.4 · +54 from the floor
A light color with some life in it, so cabinets float off Colonial (a 54 point step in LRV).

Cabinets in Upward or Swiss Coffee: a dark floor needs light cabinets to float above it.

THE FLOOR, MEASURED

LRV	LIGHTNESS L*	UNDERTONE	HUE
3	20	Red	52°

A red undertone, the family of cherry and red oak. LRV is light reflectance value: 0 is black, 100 is white. A wall within 30 points of the floor blurs into it (BS 8300).

Colonial is lighter than 3 percent of the 1,739 hardwood floors we carry, measured the same way, and warmer than 20 percent of them.

WOOD, RUGS AND METALS

A step lighter: a mid brown wood
About 17 points lighter than Colonial in L* (37 against 20). Like our Special Walnut stain sample.

Tone on tone: taupe
7 in chroma, half the warmth of Colonial (15), and 28 points lighter in L*.

Across the wheel: slate blue
Hue 232°, straight across the color wheel from the 52° of Colonial, softened to balance it.

Grounding: stone gray
A light note at L* 65, 45 points from the 20 of Colonial, so a rug keeps its edge.

Aged brass
A warm metal that agrees with the red undertone of Colonial (hue 52°).

Unlacquered brass
Left unsealed, it darkens with handling to a softer warm tone beside Stonington Gray walls.

Matte black
Black works with every undertone; beside Colonial at LRV 3 it gives the room its outline.

ROOM BY ROOM

- **Living room** Stonington Gray walls and Swiss Coffee trim over Colonial, velvet in taupe with a slate blue pillow, aged brass lamps on low.
- **Kitchen** Cabinets in Upward so they float off Colonial, Swiss Coffee walls and trim, unlacquered brass pulls.
- **Bedroom** Repose Gray walls, taupe bedding, nightstands in a mid brown wood, matte black on the lamps.
- **Entry** A stone gray runner on Colonial, Upward on the door, an unlacquered brass mirror.

WHAT TO AVOID

- Walls at the lightness of Colonial: Caviar (Sherwin-Williams SW 6990, LRV 3) sits within a point of its LRV of 3, so wall and floor would blur into one.
- Wood that almost matches Colonial: a tone like our Spice Brown sample, 6.9 apart (CIEDE2000), reads as a near miss. Go clearly darker or lighter.
- Pink or peach beige walls: they pull more orange out of the red undertone of Colonial (hue 52°).

THE ROOM IT SUITS

At LRV 3, Colonial is very dark: it is at its best in a big room with good light and warm lamps, and it shows dust, pet hair and fine scratches more than a mid tone.

At 5 inches a board, Colonial lays about 29 boards across a 12 foot room.

Engineered hardwood: living spaces and bedrooms on every level, kept out of full baths.

Hardness: Black walnut: Janka 1,010 lbf

Construction: Engineered walnut hardwood

Finish: Aluminum Oxide Finish

SCAN TO OPEN THIS BOARD ON YOUR PHONE

973-728-9717

Powell Flooring, 1811 Union Valley Rd, West Milford, NJ 07480
Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm

powellflooring.com · powellfloor.ing/dfsqd5n

See the real floor before you choose paint: visit the showroom, or ask for a free measure and estimate.